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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES

REF: STATE 42622

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH MOST OF THE SITES ON THE PRESIDENT'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IN LAGOS, BUT MEA TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT THE HEAD OF STATE AND THE CABINET OFFICE HAD TURNED DOWN OUR REQUESTS TO PHOTOGRAPH DODAN BARRACKS AND THE AIRPORT. THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY A REFLECTION OF THE FMG'S OWN SECURITY CONCERNS.

2. MEA HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL NOT PROVIDE US PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM WITH THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO MAKE SKETCHES SHOWING THE POSITIONING AND MOVEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE VARIOUS EVENTS ON HIS SCHEDULE. THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE DISARRAY OF MEA'S LIMITED STAFF DURING RECENT DAYS BECAUSE OF VISITS BY THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE OF NIGER, TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MGAPA, AND OBASANJO'S VISIT TO OYO AND OGUN STATES. HOWEVER, MEA HAS SAID IT WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM THE POSITIONING AND MOVEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND OTHERS AT THESE EVENTS.

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